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Application of :
Yoshiharu SHIRAKAWABE et al. :
Serial No. 10/651,526 : Group Art Unit - 2855
Filed: August 29, 2003 : Examiner - Michael T. Cygan
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING :
MULTI-TIP PROBE, A MUL- :
TI-TIP PROBE, AND :
SURFACE CHARACTERISTIC :
ANALYSIS APPARATUS : Docket No. S004-5110

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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2004,
applicants amend their application as follows:

ELECTION OF INVENTION:

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention characterized by the Examiner as Group I drawn to a method of manufacturing a multi-tip probe, and submit that claims 1-11 are readable on the elected invention.

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